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2006-2007 State Officer Leadership Team



Your State Officer Team has created a fun filled program of work for you, Missouri's TSA. They have decided that the statewide goals for this year will be to increase membership, interactions between chapters, and the number of leadership awards that people qualify for.

This Team is committed to giving their best to make this the best year ever for Missouri TSA!

State Officer Team: 2006-2007

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Sarah Bush	Treasurer
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Emily Spicher	#5 C District
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Brandon Randolph	#7 KCS District
Sarah Church	#8 KC District
Keri McCullough	#9 NW District

President's Message

Hello, Missouri TSA,

I would personally like to share a warm welcome back for those of you who are returning to TSA for another year and hearty congratulations to those of you who are joining TSA for the first time this year. What an Awesome experience at the annual 28th National TSA Conference in Dallas, Texas and congratulations to all of you Missouri TSA members who experienced one of the best conferences. It was an exciting and fun conference and I hope that many of you will work hard this year and do your best to participate in the 2007 National TSA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

The 2006 Missouri TSA Connections Conference will be held in our state's capital city of Jefferson, at the Truman Hotel and Conference Center. I encourage each of you to participate by bringing your chapter leaders to this great experience in team building and personal development.

Your officer team has worked hard this past summer to make this year's conference fun and exciting so, I hope you will enjoy what we have planned for you.

Have a good school year. Seniors, do not forget to make your last year of high school count.

Serving the members of TSA, *Tao Liao*





The fourth annual Mini-Relay for Life will be held at the Missouri Distinctions Conference this year at Central Missouri State University. We are proud of the efforts of all chapters who raised money for last year's relay, the third annual Mini-Relay for Life. DDR, balloon races, and balloon shaves were among the many activities that were used to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. This year's State Officer Team is planning many more, fun activities for the upcoming Mini-Relay.


In order to raise the most money possibly for the American Cancer Society this year, the State Officer Team has decided to host a penny war at the Missouri Connections Conference. Make sure to bring lots of change and bills in order to participate. The rules for the war will be as follows...pennies will add points to the "change pot" will nickels, dimes, and quarters will take away points. Each individual color chapter will challenge themselves to collect the most money possible during the penny war. The "Penny War Officials" will keep a running total of how much each team has collected and the top collectors each day will obtain an award and get to eat the meal first. So start hoarding all of those pennies!

The State Officer Team has also decided that there is going to be an awkward picture competition this year at the state conference, all you have to do is send in a fee of \$5 with each picture you would like to enter. The most "awkward" picture will get a special prize...we will judge the awkwardness of the picture by using chunk change to vote for your favorite. This will end up being a very interesting competition and we will surely learn a lot about the going-ons in other chapters. This is also a perfect chance to show off your advisors and their embarrassing attributes...very, very interesting competition.

All local chapters are encouraged to host their own fundraisers to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The money raised should be brought to the Missouri Distinctions Conference and will be presented at the Mini-Relay, which is the celebration of the entire school years efforts, and will be held in the Multi Purpose Building Gymnasium at Central Missouri State University. Those chapters who donate \$500-\$999 receive the platinum award, \$1,000-\$1,999 receives the Diamond Award, and donations of \$2,000 and above receives the Purple Award. The Mini-Relay will take place on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. All chapters will need to be responsible for having at least one person walking the track throughout the mini relay event. We hope that all TSA members will create valuable friendships at this ceremony, a celebration of life and a fight to find a cure for cancer.

Advisors, please click on the ACS logo above to register your chapters fundraising amount or visit <http://www.tsaweb.org/> and click on "Programs" to access the ACS page.

RACE Into Reading

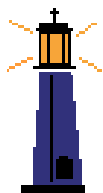
RACE Into Reading – Reading About Career Experiences is an interactive school/community service project between Missouri CTSO members and elementary students that promotes reading for fun and information. Participation in the project allows elementary students to learn about a variety of career opportunities, and allows the CTSO member to develop leadership skills and serve as a positive role model for elementary students. The project is sponsored through Missouri Career Education and Missouri's Career and Technical Student Organizations - DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, SkillsUSA and 



Our TSA goal for this year is see at least one TSA student member recognized with an award at our Distinctions Conference 2007. Let's join the "Race Into Reading" program.

For more information go to http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/RACE_index.htm and you will find a dedicated website for the RACE project resources such as a video, posters, projects and many other helpful pre developed materials.

Reporter's Message



Hello, Missouri TSA! This is your State Reporter, Katie Rodhouse, and I am simply ecstatic about this year's upcoming Missouri Connections Conference. I hope everyone will be attending and I cannot wait to see the turn out in October.

On a different note, I am asking that all local chapter reporters to assist me in making your TSA Today Newsletter reporting more about your local chapter's news and events. So please send a newsletter article describing any local events that occur during this school year along with a few pictures that represent the activity.

This year your State Officer team decided that a common goal for the year would be to increase communication among chapters. I am hoping that by publishing these newsletter articles we can begin to accomplish this goal. If you have any ideas that your chapter has used as a successful fundraising, membership recruitment, and fun recreational activity we ask that you send those ideas to me for publication in our next issue of the TSA Today Newsletter. So please email any and every idea that your chapter has come up with, as well as any advice that you have that goes along with activity. There will be two TSA Today Newsletters published this year. The winter issue is scheduled for posting in January 2007. If you would, please forward your news articles and ideas to me by December 1st. If you have any questions about the newsletter or if you have ideas for newsletter that you would like to share you can email me at MissouriTSA2007@hotmail.com.

Thanks a bunch, *Katie Rodhouse*

2006 National Officer Candidate

At first glance, John LeCoque does NOT seem like your average guy. Whether his quirky curly hair or his deep and booming voice first catches your attention, you realize that he is a force to be reckoned with. LeCoque has been an active member in TSA for six years and has held countless officers two being Clinton chapter President and Missouri State TSA Vice President. He has received the highest honors that Missouri TSA can bestow: "Distinguished Student of the Year" award, Missouri Scholar Leadership Degree, and was a founding member of his local TSA high school chapter.



Now I am sure you are saying to yourself...well this LeCoque guy sounds simply fabulous, but does this article have a point? The answer, of course, is yes! For you see, this year John LeCoque did our Missouri TSA a great honor...he ran for TSA's National President. Running for a National office is not an easy feat a lot of handout making, speech practicing, and display board creating goes into each candidacy. LeCoque admitted, "It was a lot of work, but in general, the experience was quite exhilarating. I have never had so much fun time in my entire life."

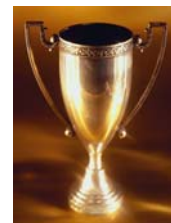
Armed with his approachable smile and absolutely lovably attitude, LeCoque worked his hardest to come out on top in the election process. When asked what he would do differently if he could repeat the election, LeCoque stated, "I would have remembered to bring my display board. I had forgot to bring it and it was still waiting for me at my house in Clinton. I that think not having it made me look unprepared at my campaign booth. I would not have participated in the Medical Technology event knowing now that this event took 3 hours away from my campaigning time." Even though LeCoque did not obtain the position of President, all of Missouri TSA should be proud of his dedication and energy for TSA. Having a national officer candidate gets Missouri's opinions heard. LeCoque encourages, "Go for it (a National Office). Whether you win or lose, the experience is absolutely amazing...Although I would certainly have preferred to win, I would do the whole thing over again, no matter what the outcome."

This attitude exemplifies John's determination and attitude, but it represents Missouri TSA. Each year no matter if we win or lose we participate in Fall Conference and State Competitions. We are in TSA for the love of TSA...the bright, accepting faces of all Conference attendees and the encouraging faces of our advisors will always be brought to mind when we reminisce on our years in TSA. Participation and dedication have always marked and will continue to mark Missouri TSA.

National Winners!

2006 National TSA Conference, Dallas, Texas: June 21-25, 2006! Missouri TSA Chapters did a fabulous job this year. Join me in applauding all of the middle school and high school top ten finalists.

A Special thanks to all you National attendees for wonderfully representing Missouri TSA in Dallas, Texas. You guys are awesome!



<u>High School Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Awardees</u>
Architectural Model	9 th Place	TEAM, Benton High School
CAD 2D Architectural.....	10 th Place	Jacob Shawver, McCluer North High School
CAD	7 th Place	Eric Wennlund, McCluer High School
Dragster Design.....	4 th Place	Alex Cotton, Fort Zumwalt West High School
Extemporaneous Presentation ...	6 th Place	Cassie Swoboda, Park Hill South High School
Imaging Technology	7 th Place.....	Laine Shay, Clinton High School
Medical Technology	4 th Place	TEAM, Clinton High School
Prepared Presentation.....	6 th Place	Tao Liao, Parkway South High School
Robotics.....	3 rd Place.....	TEAM, Fort Zumwalt North High School

To view the complete winners report go to <http://tsa.timberlakepublishing.com/content.asp?contentid=748>

<u>Middle School Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Awardees</u>
Medical Technology	8 th Place	TEAM, Clinton Middle School
Technology Transfer Challenge..	4 th Place	TEAM, Clinton Middle School

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2006 Missouri Connections Conference

2006 Theme “One Step At A Time”

The TSA Fall Conference is right around the corner and there are so many tasks to do. Chapter registration must be sent in, parent permission slips must be signed, hotel room assignments must be handed out, and most of all each TSA member has to locate the official wear that has been pushed into the back of his or her closet since Nationals. Planning for Fall Conference is consequently a very busy time not only for local chapters, but for the Missouri state officer team as well.

This year at the annual State Officer Training, your elected state officer team deemed the Conference Theme as “One Step At A Time”. Everything a person does in life relates back to this theme...babies have to learn how to walk, teenagers have to try to pace themselves through each hectic day, and seniors have to slowly decide where they want to go to college. This also pertains to your local chapters.



It is a brand new TSA year . . . officers need to be elected, members need to be recruited, dues collected, and fundraising must begin in order to help fund future TSA chapter events. The Missouri State Officer team is thrilled with this theme and is confident that you will be as well. The team has stuffed this year's Connections Conference with fun activities, ice-breakers, and exciting competitions. Everyone should attend! Connections conference is a great time to get to know your fellow TSA members from around the state! Can't wait to see you there!



Reminder: Bring extra cash for TSA trinkets, gadgets and official TSA wear.

Missouri TSA Parent Letter, by Steven Rodhouse

TSA has changed my daughter, Kathryn Rodhouse, by giving her the opportunity to be a state officer and this will give her the leadership skills that will help her throughout life. The TSA competitive events has stimulated her creativity during her three years as a TSA member.

TSA has helped her to develop her self-confidence and motivation. All in all, my daughter has participated in many leadership developing activities. In addition to TSA she has participated in, Youth Advisory Board of the Kauffman Foundation and a girls grant board with the Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

I have found that the activities she is involved with have helped her to mature and grow as a leader, both politically and spiritually. She seems to be much more at ease in front of large groups, where before she would have been nervous, especially in front of her peers. She now volunteers to give speeches at her church and school.

TSA has helped Katie to step out of her comfort zone. It was the seniors at her school who encourage her to become involved in TSA as a Freshman. She is now much more at ease in striking up conversations with others.

I am glad that my daughter is involved in TSA and all of the other many groups in school and our community. These experiences have encouraged her to grow and mature into a confident and gracious leader.

MCDP (Missouri Connections Degree Program)

Welcome to the *Missouri Connections Degree Program* of Missouri TSA. You are about to embark on a journey with TSA that will connect you with the effective communication skills, self-confidence, and poise to be a leader. TSA can open many doors to exciting opportunities for you and your classmates as you accept the challenge in becoming a better leader through leadership training in TSA. How far you go in the future will be determined by your own motivation.

This program is designed to assist each participant in preparing for leadership in your Local TSA Chapter or State TSA Association and for those of you who aspire for greater things, aim at becoming a National TSA Officer. This program is divided into four degrees of achievement that must be obtained in respective order as follows:

- 👉 Basic Degree
- 👉 Academic Degree
- 👉 Collegiate Degree
- 👉 Scholar Degree



For more information about the Missouri Connections Degree Program go to

http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/tsa_lcdp.htm

Do You Want To Be A Missouri TSA State Officer?

Do you enjoy refining your leadership skills? Do you often find yourself anticipating your next TSA meeting? Do you love attending Fall and State



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Conferences because you know you will meet new and exciting people? Do you get goose-bumps when you think about technology?

If you said yes to any of these questions, you should most definitely consider becoming a state officer for Missouri TSA next year. Not only will you gain beneficial leadership skills, but you will also get to help plan the Conferences that make TSA . . . TSA. Being on the State Officer Team is a valuable experience and you will become well acquainted with leaders from TSA chapters around the state. You will get to participate in the State Officer Training camp during the summer.

So if you are willing to give up five days out of the year to allow your TSA voice to be heard . . . then go online to http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/tsa_state_officers.htm for more information and complete the state officer application today! We can't wait to see you at the State Officer Interviews in January!

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AT ALL OF OUR TSA CONFERENCES!**



2006-2007 Program of Work

SEPTEMBER, 2006

- 1 Friday** **Fiscal Membership Year Begins**
- 5 Monday** Missouri TSA Fall Leadership Connections Conference
On-Line registration open
- 14 Sunday** **TSA's Official 28th Anniversary**
- 15 Friday** State Leadership Team Meeting, Truman Hotel and Conference Center
of Jefferson City, Missouri
- 20 Wednesday** **TSA Today (Fall Issue) Editorial Deadline**

OCTOBER, 2006

- 7 Thursday** **National School Scene (Fall Issue) Editorial Deadline**
- 12-14 Thursday — Saturday** Annual Fall Leadership Connections Conference, Jefferson City,
Ramada Inn.
- 23 Monday** **National School Scene (Fall Issue) Posted Online**

NOVEMBER, 2006

- 3 Friday** State Leadership Team Meeting, Jefferson City, MO
- 3 Friday** **Chapter Affiliations – Priority membership due to National TSA**
(includes state dues)
- 17 Friday** **National School Scene (Winter Issue) Editorial Deadline**

DECEMBER, 2006

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

JANUARY, 2007

- 8 Monday** State Officer Candidate Filing Form Due
- 26 Friday** State Leadership Team Meeting
 - ☞ TSA BOD meeting — State Officer Candidate Interviews
 - ☞ Jefferson City, MO, Governors Office Building, Rooms 315 — 316
- 26 Friday** **National School Scene (Winter Issue) Posted Online**

FEBRUARY, 2007

1 WednesdayMISSOURI DEADLINE FOR CHAPTER AFFILIATIONS

1 WednesdaySchool Scene (Spring Issue) deadline

☞ All Missouri TSA Awards Recognition applications are due

☞ Missouri TSA Today Newsletter articles due at State Office

7 WednesdayCTSO and TSA Governor's Proclamation Signing

FEBRUARY, 2007 continued

12 MondayNational TSA Conference Information Booklet posted Online

1-28 Thursday — Wednesday Career and Technical Education Month

18-24 Monday — FridayNational Engineers Week

MARCH, 2007

1 ThursdayTSA State Conference Online Registration Open

☞ TSA Today (spring issue) Posting

9 FridayNational School Scene (Winter Issue) Editorial Deadline

29-31 Thursday — SaturdayMissouri TSA State Leadership & Career Development Conference, CMSU, Warrensburg, MO

APRIL, 2007

6 FridayNational Officer Candidate application due to state advisor

11 TuesdayDeadline for White Star Chapter recognition

17-21 Monday — FridayNational Student Leadership Week

23-27 Monday— FridayNational TSA Week

MAY, 2007

1 TuesdayPostmark date for the following applications and nominations are due to National TSA:

☞ Gold Achievement Program

☞ American Spirit Award

☞ Air Force Recruiting Salutes Award

☞ National officer candidate applications

☞ State Superlative Awards

☞ National Award and Recognition Program

18 FridayConference registration materials and fees due to National TSA (approval of State Advisor required)

JUNE, 2007

5 MondayNational Officer candidate notification eligibility

4-8 Monday — Friday2007-2008 State Officer Training (Required)

24-28 Sunday — Thursday29th Annual TSA Conference, Nashville, TN

JULY, 2007

24-26 Monday — Wednesday .Annual Missouri ACTE Summer Conference

☞ TSA Board of Directors meeting

☞ TSA All Advisors Meeting

AUGUST, 2007

GEAR UP FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Any Questions Or Concerns?

Email your State Officer Team at MissouriTSA2007@hotmail.com. Your assigned Region Vice Presidents are happy to help with anything that you may need! Feel free to contact at anytime during the school year . . . we'd love to hear from YOU!! You find our contact information at http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/tsa_state_officers.htm